

## Title 199 – NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Chapter 5 - METHOD OF GRANT AWARDS

001 Applicant's Ability. Grant awards shall be based on the applicant's ability to comply with Department requirements as stated in Chapters 2, 3, and 4, the application's rating in the priority system, and the programs ability to benefit the general public, further the goals of waste reduction and recycling, and to be consistent with proper waste management practices.

002 Application Ranking. All grant applications will be prioritized by Department staff and the Grants Review Board upon the request of the Director and based on points pursuant to the Program Priority System referenced in Chapter 6.

003 Award Timeline. The Director shall make awards within a reasonable time, not to exceed six months, after receipt of applications.

004 Allocate Funds. The Director shall allocate the grant for a specific dollar amount to be used only for the purposes specified in the award.

005 Equitable Funding Allocations. Allocations from the funds shall be made in an equitable manner which maximizes the benefits of the funds. When awarding grants, the Director shall balance the needs of:

005.01 All geographic areas of the State;

005.02 All sizes and classes of communities; and

005.03 All manner and scale of programs.

006 Consideration to Disadvantaged Persons. The Director shall also give consideration to eligible programs which would specifically employ disabled persons.

007 Notification. The Director shall provide, in writing, notification of grant award or denial to the applicant.

008 Partial Funding. In the event that a grant is awarded in an amount less than requested by the applicant, such a grant shall be conditional and subject to revocation by the Department if the applicant shall fail to submit to the Department, within 30 days after notice of the award, a revised line-item budget and, if requested by the Department, a revised work plan.

008.01 The revised budget and work plan must be within the scope of the original application.

008.02 Revised budgets and work plans must be approved by the Department.

008.03 The Department may include special conditions with a partial funding award.

008.04 Revocation of a conditional award shall be made by the Department, in writing, if requirements of this section are not satisfied.

009 Redistribution of Funds. In the event that an applicant awarded funding is unable to accept the award, or having accepted, returns it to the Department due to inability to perform proposed activities, the Director may award funding to an alternate applicant from the same funding cycle or the award may be returned to the fund.

010 Application Rejection. Applications may be rejected by the Department, as a result of, but not limited to, any of the following reasons:

010.01 Failure to submit a complete application by the stated deadline as described in Chapter 4;

010.02 Falsification or misrepresentation of information;

010.03 Failure to comply with pertinent regulations; and

010.04 Similar activities funded by other grant funds for the same general time period.

011 Grant Application Resubmission. A grant application that fails to be funded may, at the request of the applicant, be rescored in the priority system for funding during one successive grant period.

011.01 A grant application that fails to be funded for two consecutive grant periods must be resubmitted by the date designated in Chapter 4, to be reconsidered for future funding.

012 Disbursement of Grant Funds. Funds shall be disbursed to the grant recipient in one or more allocations as approved by the Department.

Enabling Legislation: Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,161, 15,163; 13-2042

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